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1. The reply brief filed Oct 25, 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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In re application of:

KENJI OSE

Application No.: 09/992,597

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: SWITCH STYLE BICYCLE SHIFT
CONTROL DEVICE

Examiner: Chong Hwa Kim

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REBUTTAL BRIEF

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Commissioner:

This is a rebuttal brief for the above-captioned matter.

The rejection of claims 34-37, 43-47, 49-52, 73 and 74 as being anticipated by Higuchi.

Claim 34 requires the finger contact projection to protrude radially inwardly from a radially innermost outer peripheral surface of the dial so that the shift control device is operated by grasping the finger contact projection with the two fingers or the finger and the thumb radially inwardly from the radially innermost outer peripheral surface such that the rotational axis is sandwiched between the two fingers or the finger and the thumb. The Examiner's Answer at page 11, middle paragraph, states that Higuchi shows, in Fig. 2, a slanted/sloped portion of the projection (8) that is overextended onto the bottom surface of dial (9). However, Higuchi does not say that the slanted/sloped line illustrating the portion of lever (8) near the bottom portion of wire winding element (9) extends radially inwardly from the outer peripheral surface of wire winding element (9), so the Examiner's Answer must be alleging that the slanted/sloped line in Fig. 2 inherently depicts lever (8) extending radially inwardly of the outer peripheral surface of wire winding element (9). It

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